

Group password and Login

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- **Ubuntu Linux 16.04 OS**



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- You must have root access to your computer



Users already created:

- **suraj**
- **testmod**



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- **- and Newgroup are optional parameters**



newgrp command

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- Newgroup is either a group ID number or a group name located in `/etc/group`
- Newgroup may not be specified



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- **newgrp refers to the file /etc/passwd for the particular entry of the user**
- **Changes the current group to the default group listed in the file /etc/passwd for the user**



Optional Hyphen Flag



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- Re-initializes the user's environment as though the user has just logged in
- Otherwise, the current environment remains unchanged



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- If a group does not have a valid password set
- Then only a group member can use `newgrp - group` command to login to the group
- Non-members cannot login to the group



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Secure Group with Password

- **Superuser or group administrator**
 - can use `gpasswd space Newgroup`
 - to set or change the password of a group
- **Newgroup: a group ID number or a group name that you have to write in the command**



Login to Password-secured Group



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- Even though the group has a password,



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- Even though the group has a password,
- group members will not be prompted to provide the password while logging in



Login to Password-secured Group

- If the group has a password set,



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- If the group has a password set,
- Non-members have to provide the correct password in order to login to the group



Note on Group Password

- If the user is root, he or she will not be prompted for a password



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- If the user is root, he or she will not be prompted for a password
- If there is no group password set and the user is not listed as a member of the group



Note on Group Password

- If the user is root, he or she will not be prompted for a password
- If there is no group password set and the user is not listed as a member of the group
- Then the user will be denied access



Note on Group Password

Non-root users will be prompted for a group password if



Note on Group Password

Non-root users will be prompted for a group password if

- The user is not listed as a group member



Note on Group Password

Non-root users will be prompted for a group password if

- **The user is not listed as a group member**
- **The group has a password**



Note on Group Password

- More than one person is permitted to know the group password



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Note on Group Password

- More than one person is permitted to know the group password
- So, group password has an inherent security problem
- However, groups are a useful tool for permitting cooperation between different users



Summary

In this tutorial we learnt about

- **newgrp command**
- **Securing a group with password**
- **Login to a group as group member**
- **Login to a group as non-member**



Assignment

- **Create a new group accounts for college database**
- **Give a suitable password for the group created**
- **Create two users: rekha and sheetal**



Assignment

- Check details of user rekha using the command `id`
- Add rekha as a member of the group
- Check how the user rekha can login to the group accounts



Assignment

- Check how the user sheetal can login to the group accounts
- At every step, check the details of group accounts from `/etc/gshadow` file



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